

VSP Public Comment

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Subject: Voting Systems and Procedures Panel in California

Dear members of the panel,

I'm concerned. As voters, we need to have full confidence in the way our votes are recorded and counted. Anything less will undermine the strength and validity of our democratic system.

I pay my bills on line, because I have confidence in my bank. After each bill paying session, I can print a record of my instructions to the bank, which gives me confidence my bank uses a reliable and verifiable computer system. I expect no less from my government.

As a voter, I need the assurance that my vote is recorded as per my instructions through a voting proces instituted according to the requirements of HAVA. It must use open source software and provide a voter-verified paper ballot, both of which are necessxary for voter confidence.

The group furthest along in designing a reliable open source voter-verifiable paper ballot voting system is the Open Voting Consortium,(OVC).

OVC proposes to work with the University of California to develop a publicly-owned open source voing system for California. This project needs your support. I would hope that you'd deem it useful to get in touch with Alan Dechert, President of the OVC, ProfessorAurthur Keller, and UC Santa Cruz computer scientist, to further explore their proposal. I urge you to act now, while this subject is under consideration.

Sincerely,

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